



Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women's University

Foundation Day 2023

REPORT

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Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women's University (SNDTWU) synonymous with women's higher education for 107 years celebrated its **108th Foundation Day** on July 7, 2023. The celebration witnessed the august presence of the Chancellor of the University and Honorable Governor of Maharashtra along with dignitaries at *Sir Sitaram* and *Lady Shantabai* Patkar Hall of SNDT Women's University, Churchgate Campus at 5:00 pm.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Ujwala Chakradeo welcomed the dignitaries and presented the journey of the University since 1916. She requested support of the government for satellite centre outside India to reach out to women students. She envisioned number of initiatives for women including Centre for Science and technology. A short film made by Communication and Media Studies Department, Pune campus was screened highlighting the trajectory of the University.

Hon. Minister **Mr. Chandrakantdada Patil** (Cabinet Minister of Higher and Technical Education, State of Maharashtra) and Hon. **Mr. Sudhir Mungantiwar** (Cabinet Minister for Forests, Cultural Affairs and Fisheries, State of Maharashtra) were the Chief Guests. Mr. Vikaschandra Rastogi (Principal Secretary, Minister of Higher and Technical Education, State of Maharashtra) was the Guest of Honour.

Mr. Chandrakantdada Patil stated that given space and encouragement, women can lead the society. He informed that the Central University status proposal for SNDT Women's University has been forwarded to the Centre. **Mr. Sudhir Mungantiwar** appreciated the work done by the University for empowering women and also for its newly developed campus at Chandrapur. He supported the proposal for the Central University status for SNDTWU and congratulated the University for Wonderful Work in the area of women's empowerment.

Hon. Chancellor **Shri Ramesh Bais** (Governor, State of Maharashtra) presided over the function and delivered the presidential address. In his address he urged the university to reach out to women who do not have opportunities of higher education. Referring to numerous government schemes, he emphasized on the need for creating awareness of these schemes among the students. He urged for the need to make manpower asset rather than liability.

The University felicitated 18 distinguished alumnae this year who have created their mark in the society. Out of the 18 alumnae, two are part of the armed forces, three are from the field of education and the others have earned accolades with the work done as writers, founders of community organisations and entrepreneurs. They truly are an embodiment of Marharshi's dream of enlightened and empowered women who truly are 'Sanskrita' and 'Parashakti'.

Ms. Rita Patil from Maniben Nanavati Women's College was conferred the Best teacher award from the affiliated college category. B.M. Ruia Girl's College was awarded the Best College award. **Prof. Ruby Ojha, Pro-Vice Chancellor** was also present for the programme. Prof. Vilas D. Nandavadekar, Registrar, SNDT Women's University proposed the vote of thanks.